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Subject: FCC Mis-Guidance

Importance: High

Dear Madam and Sirs:

I am sending this email to you today concerning the lack of regard you have for the lower to middle class people in this country who do not have cell phones and who will be absorbing the brunt of neglect to strike down key industry competition rules. Specifically, the Telecommunications Act of 1996 was to PROTECT consumers from outlandish prices that Verizon, SBC, BellSouth and QWEST are now forcing down the throats of the state PUCs.

As one in the Baby Boomer Generation and having a mother who is 87 years old, my sisters along with myself and my mother do not depend upon cell phones. My mother along with many of her generation and subsequent generations did not even migrate to touch-tone phones - she still has a rotary dial phone!

All we can see is that you are catering to those who are wealthy enough to afford VoIP and cell phones, ignoring the vast baby boomer generation who is just making by on regular land-line phones. Who is lining your pockets with money? Obviously, the answer is Verizon, SBC, QWEST, and BellSouth. You desire to give them carte blanche regarding the rates they can charge consumers while not helping to ensure healthy competition for consumers. I, for one, certainly hope that your wealthy citizen focus will end soon and that you pay more attention to the MAJORITY of US citizens than the minority!

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